

Whereas it is proper and desirable for the people of the United States to celebrate this anniversary with the people of Greece and to reaffirm the democratic principles from which both Greece and the United States were born: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) designates March 25, 2007, as “Greek Independence Day: A National Day of Celebration of Greek and American Democracy”; and

(2) encourages the people of the United States to observe the day with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

CONGRATULATING THE UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA FAIRBANKS RIFLE TEAM

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now proceed to S. Res. 109.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 109) congratulating the University of Alaska Fairbanks rifle team for winning the 2007 National Collegiate Athletic Association Rifle Championship.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Ms. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, I rise to recognize the University of Alaska Fairbanks rifle team for winning the 2007 National Collegiate Athletic Association Rifle Championship on March 10, 2007 in Fairbanks, AK.

With a total score of 4,662 points for their performance in the smallbore and air rifle competitions, the undefeated and defending champion University of Alaska Fairbanks “Nanooks” posted an 18-point win over the U.S. Military Academy and a 23-point win over Jacksonville State University to claim their ninth national championship title.

This was the first time the Nanooks have hosted an NCAA Championship. More than 900 spectators, a record crowd for an NCAA Rifle Championship, were present to help support the local team.

Nanooks head coach Dan Jordan, along with each member of the 2007 University of Alaska Fairbanks rifle team, which includes six National Rifle Association All-Americans, should be recognized for their achievements during this past season. I congratulate the team and wish them continued success in future years.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, and the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 109) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 109

Whereas, on March 10, 2007, before a crowd of more than 900 fans in Fairbanks, Alaska,

the University of Alaska Fairbanks rifle team (referred to in this preamble as the “Nanooks rifle team”) earned a combined total of 4,662 points for the performance of the team in the smallbore rifle and air rifle competitions to win the 2007 National Collegiate Athletic Association Rifle Championship (referred to in this preamble as the “NCAA Rifle Championship”);

Whereas that victory marked the 9th NCAA Rifle Championship won by the Nanooks rifle team since 1994;

Whereas winning the NCAA Rifle Championship was the pinnacle of a remarkable undefeated season for the Nanooks rifle team;

Whereas 6 members of the Nanook rifle team were named National Collegiate Athletic Association All-Americans;

Whereas 2nd-year coach, Dan Jordan, along with each member of the Nanooks rifle team dedicated his or her time and effort to ensuring that the Nanooks rifle team won the NCAA Rifle Championship;

Whereas the families of the shooters, students, alumni, faculty, and all of the supporters of the Nanooks rifle team are to be congratulated for their commitment to, and pride in, the Nanooks rifle team;

Whereas the members of the 2006–2007 Nanooks rifle team are excellent representatives of a fine university that is a leader in higher education and produces many fine student-athletes and other community leaders; and

Whereas the Nanooks rifle team showed tremendous dedication to each other, appreciation for their fans, sportsmanship to their opponents, and respect for the sport of competitive shooting throughout the 2006–2007 season: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate congratulates the University of Alaska Fairbanks rifle team for winning the 2007 National Collegiate Athletic Association Rifle Championship.

CONGRESSIONAL CHARTER OF THE AMERICAN NATIONAL RED CROSS

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to calendar No. 71, S. 655.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 655) to amend the Congressional Charter of The American National Red Cross to modernize its governance structure, to enhance the ability of the board of governors of The American National Red Cross to support the critical mission of The American National Red Cross in the 21st century, and for other purposes.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill, which had been reported by the Committee on the Judiciary with an amendment, as follows:

[Omit the part struck through and insert the part printed in *italic*.]

S. 655

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “The American National Red Cross Governance Modernization Act of 2007”.

SEC. 2. FINDINGS; SENSE OF CONGRESS.

(a) FINDINGS.—Congress makes the following findings:

(1) Substantive changes to the Congressional Charter of The American National Red Cross have not been made since 1947.

(2) In February 2006, the board of governors of The American National Red Cross (the “Board of Governors”) commissioned an independent review and analysis of the Board of Governors’ role, composition, size, relationship with management, governance relationship with chartered units of The American National Red Cross, and whistleblower and audit functions.

(3) In an October 2006 report of the Board of Governors, entitled “American Red Cross Governance for the 21st Century” (the “Governance Report”), the Board of Governors recommended changes to the Congressional Charter, bylaws, and other governing documents of The American National Red Cross to modernize and enhance the effectiveness of the Board of Governors and governance structure of The American National Red Cross.

(4) It is in the national interest to create a more efficient governance structure of The American National Red Cross and to enhance the Board of Governors’ ability to support the critical mission of The American National Red Cross in the 21st century.

(5) It is in the national interest to clarify the role of the Board of Governors as a governance and strategic oversight board and for The American National Red Cross to amend its bylaws, consistent with the recommendations described in the Governance Report, to clarify the role of the Board of Governors and to outline the areas of its responsibility, including—

(A) reviewing and approving the mission statement for The American National Red Cross;

(B) approving and overseeing the corporation’s strategic plan and maintaining strategic oversight of operational matters;

(C) selecting, evaluating, and determining the level of compensation of the corporation’s chief executive officer;

(D) evaluating the performance and establishing the compensation of the senior leadership team and providing for management succession;

(E) overseeing the financial reporting and audit process, internal controls, and legal compliance;

(F) holding management accountable for performance;

(G) providing oversight of the financial stability of the corporation;

(H) ensuring the inclusiveness and diversity of the corporation;

(I) providing oversight of the protection of the brand of the corporation; and

(J) assisting with fundraising on behalf of the corporation.

(6)(A) The selection of members of the Board of Governors is a critical component of effective governance for The American National Red Cross, and, as such, it is in the national interest that The American National Red Cross amend its bylaws to provide a method of selection consistent with that described in the Governance Report.

(B) The new method of selection should replace the current process by which—

(i) 30 chartered unit-elected members of the Board of Governors are selected by a non-Board committee which includes 2 members of the Board of Governors and other individuals elected by the chartered units themselves;

(ii) 12 at-large members of the Board of Governors are nominated by a Board committee and elected by the Board of Governors; and

(iii) 8 members of the Board of Governors are appointed by the President of the United States.

(C) The new method of selection described in the Governance Report reflects the single